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II. CONCLUSION

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2003, claims 2-5 and 15-21 have been cancelled. At this point, applicant believes that the claims remaining in the case distinguish over the art cited and comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102, §103, and §112. As such, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1210.

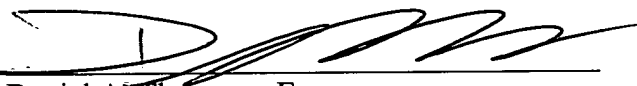
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